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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS

Jefferson City, MO

May 24, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Alexander EMT-P
Vicki Groce, EMT-P
Judith Landvatter, RN
Ruby Mehrer, RN
Doug Randall, EMT-P
Randall Sammons, EMT-P
David Tan, MD

GUESTS

Margie Bosman
Steve Olshwanger
Monroe Yancie
Don Looper
John Jay Simon
Nancy Dalton
George Miller
Kandi Sagehorn
Patty Parrish
Kathryn Patterson
John Candis
Judy James
Paul Guptill
Heather Seemann
Ken Koch

DHSS STAFF PRESENT

Paula Kempf, RN
Cindy Carver, AOSA

Call to Order

Dr. Tan called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Council did not have quorum, no action taken.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lynthia Andrews, DO
Randall Davis, EMT-P
Joan Eberhardt, RN
Roger Huckfeldt, MD
John Jermyn, DO, FACEP
Bernard Orman
Wally Patrick, RN
Natalie Suttmoeller, RN

Karen Radel
Larry Ashby
Jim McGee
Chuck Leake
J Kessel
Nathan Williams
John Clemens
Susan Crum
Bob Patterson
Tim Pickering
Jerry Kirchoff
Bonnie Linhardt
Taz Meyer
Don Crosby
Harry E Wilkins, MD

Cynthia Schmutzler, Administrator

Legislative Committee

Met this morning. Good discussion on regulating EMT-I's; complicated by redefining definition of EMT-I. Hope to have resolution by early to mid-fall. Draft language needs to be approved at national level and then will have regulations on the books by the first of the year. A motion was made to table the issue and was accepted. Expect similar discussions at next month's meeting. Jason White spoke on Peer Review Protection.

Air Ambulance

Last month an agreement was reached on the format of transfer release paper. Physicians not involved at the scene of the accidents are reluctant to sign transfer sheet. Physicians will sign release after they have seen the patient. The issue of how to keep from accepting the transfer when it has already been turned down by another air ambulance was discussed. It was suggested that any additional information that can be given to pilots would be appreciated for safety reasons.

Pediatric

EMSC grant was discussed. Hopefully the position will be filled as soon as the hiring freeze is over. As curriculum for EMT-I Scope of Practice is adopted, modules will be completed. Looking into programs in which the committee could participate. Working on the initiatives to get done with objective outcomes for the Academy of Pediatrics. It took several years to develop the protocols for pediatrics, but it is a very good set of protocols, which is about 50 pages long. If anyone is interested in looking at them, Judy will email the link to the site. The next meeting will be this afternoon.

Kansas City Region

Last meeting was May 4th. PHTLS classes were very successful and exciting. Next meeting will be held June 1st.

Region 8

Struggle with representation at meetings. Hoping to increase participation in the future. Working on funding, block grants and licenses. Contact with Senator Kit Bond to report the impact of cuts to the program. No meeting will be held in July. Next meeting scheduled for sometime in August.

Central

Met yesterday by teleconference. Twenty-three agencies have responded to the survey to date. Some issues that were discussed: finding money or free resources for education, when to call 911, what "blinking" lights mean, how to put together classes and obtaining instructors for these classes.

Southeast Region

No report

Southwest Region

Met May 6th. Discussed four different protocols to standardized regional CME presentations to entice people to attend. No June, July or August meeting planned. Next meeting will be held in September.

St. Louis

Have had good attendance at meetings, but not quite where they want it to be yet. St. Louis and Kansas City are to meet and discuss systems being used by both areas. Needing to meet soon and get these ideas approved.

911

It has been pretty quiet. Waiting for something to come up. A reminder that when issues are sent in to Vicki, please attach your name or it won't be recognized as a legitimate complaint.

Trauma

Met this morning before SAC by teleconference. Discussed the following six area of progress for the state trauma plan: trauma reimbursement, EMS reimbursement, rehab reimbursement, DHSS/EMS, and prevention grant divided by regions. Would like to invite legislatures to come to the next SAC meeting to give them a "heads-up" on what we would like to see happen in the future and hopefully gain their support by giving them time to get use to our requests.

Education

Will meet this afternoon. Discussed the following top five goals: connecting with Training Entities, quality assurance, how to teach the same topic in different areas, evaluating the process of EMT-B testing and assuring test sites are up to speed with qualified personnel.

Old Business

Senate bill for fees has been agreed on and passed. It will be sent to Governor Blunt for his signature on August 5, 2005. Paula will have a set of draft regulations that will be used only if the block grant remains cut and the fee schedule is implemented. Grant money is on a federal schedule of October to October. Not sure when final decision will be made. It was asked if SAC could contact Senator Kit Bond. Not sure if SAC has made that contact yet. Licensure verbiage remains at five years.

New Business

None

Next Meeting

Will be held June 28th at the Truman Building.

Adjourn

Dr. Tan adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.